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By the QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION.

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WHereas it has been Represented to Us, That the Meeting of Our Parliament on the Eighth Day of October next (to which the same stands now Prorogued) will be Inconvenient to many of Our Subjects who are Members of Parliament, and also otherwise Imployed in Our Service in the Countreys wherein they Dwell; We therefore, with the Advice of Our Privy Council, have Resolved to defer the Meeting of the said Parliament to the Twentieth Day of the said October. And We do hereby Direct the Keeper of Our Great Seal of England to Prepare a Writ Patent under Our Great Seal, for Proroguing Our said Parliament to the said Twentieth Day of October next, on which Day We do intend Our said Parliament shall Sit for the Dispatch of divers Weighty Affairs. And hereof We do Require the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of the said Parliament to take Notice, and to give their Attendance at Westminster on the said Twentieth Day of October next.

Given at Our Court at *Bath* the Sixth Day of *September*, 1702. In the First Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the QUEEN.

Rome, *Aug.* 10. *N. S.* The Pope has called home the Troops he formerly lent to the Duke of Parma to garrison his Towns of Parma and Piacenza, in order to enable him the better to observe a Neutrality between the Emperor and France, and it is said they are to joyn those which lie on the Borders of the Kingdom of Naples, under the Command of Signior Falconieri, who has Orders to hinder the Excursions made upon the Pope's Subjects by those who are in Arms for the Emperor in the Province of Abruzzo, but not to give them any Disturbance so long as they keep out of the Ecclesiastical Territories. The Pope has given Directions for finishing certain Works which were begon by his Predecessor at Civitavecchia and Port Nettuno, for the security of those Ports, and has ordered a considerable Sum of Money to be paid out of his Treasury for that purpose. He has directed the Congregation of the Inquisition to proceed with Dispatch against the Jesuits, upon the Complaint that they allow their Converts in China to retain a great part of their former Idolatries and Superstitions, and to mix them with the Rites of the Romish Church; which matter has been long depending, but through the Artifice of the Jesuits, and the great Interest they have made to delay it, could never yet be determined. A Congregation is also appointed to inspect the Conduct of those in Religious Orders that live in Monasteries, with intent to reform many Abuses that are crept in among them, and to oblige them to a more strict Observance of the Rules prescribed them by the Founders of their Orders.

Riga, *August* 24. The 19th Instant we had in Account, that the *Muscovites* were retired from the Neighbourhood of *Derpt*; but the next day we received Advice, that as they were actually marching, in order to return home, they were met by one of their Generals, who came with Orders from the Czar for them to return and to spoil the Country of *Livonia* on this side, which they are now putting in execution; and yesterday our Governor being informed, that they had plundered and burnt several Houses about 7 Leagues from hence, sent out a Party of 400 Horse to observe them, who fell upon 1000 of their Horse, and routed them; but our Men having Intelligence, that a Body of 12000 of the Enemy were not far off, retired, bringing with them 20 Prisoners, who report, that the rest of their Army is coming up, to the number of 60000 Men, under the Command of General *Czeremet*, and that they plunder and burn all before them; and many of the Country People, to avoid their Fury, have taken Refuge here. In the mean time General *Schlippenbach* is getting together what Force he can near *Pernau*, in order to oppose them.

Vienna, *August* 30. Te Deum was sung in our Churches last Sunday, with a triple Discharge of our Cannon, for joy of Prince Eugen's late Victory over the French Army in Italy; of which we received a particular Account by Count Simonetti, who arrived from his Highness's Camp two days ago. The Duke of Calferra is also arrived from thence. The Emperor has given Orders for adding two Troops to each Regiment of his Horse that is in Hungary.

Berlin, *September* 5. The Electoress Dowager of Hanover, who came to see the Queen of Prussia, her Daughter, parted from Lutzbourg some days ago, in order to return home: She was nobly entertained at Potzdam by the King of Prussia, and one of his Principal Officers waited upon her Electoral Highness to the Frontiers. That King has made Monsieur Watrensleben Field-Marshal of his Forces. The Czar of Muscovy's Ambassador has lately had Audience of Leave of the King at Potsdam, and will depart from hence in few days for Muscovy.

Hamburgh, *Sept.* 8. Letters from Warsaw give an Account, that the King of Poland was with his Army near Sendomir, where a great number of the Nobility met together on Horseback, to consult what Measures to take in the present Conjuncture: This Assembly was not without some Disorder, and the Weywode of Kalitz, who was present, being accused of corresponding with the Swedes, narrowly escaped being cut in pieces; They generally appeared enclined to assist the King of Poland; but in the first Place to endeavour to accomodate Matters between him and the King of Sweden; Which other Letters from Poland give us hopes of, the Cardinal Primate employing his Endeavours for that purpose with good Success. In the mean time the Muscovites continue to destroy the Country of Livonia; and according to our Accounts from Riga, they were advanced within 10 miles of that Place with an Army of 80000 Men, and a considerable Train of Artillery.

Falmouth, *September* 5. Five *Dutch* Privateers have brought into this Port since the 3d Instant six *French* Prizes, one of them a Ship of above 200 Tuns laden with Whalebone, &c. from *Greenland*, one from *Martinico*, one from *Rochel* laden with Salt and Brandy, and the other three from the Bank of *Newfoundland*.

Plimouth, *Sept.* 6. This day came in here a Merchant Ship from *Jamaica*, the Master whereof reports, that